



PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR NEW BUILDING ANNOUNCED

Oliver Gramling has been named to head a special committee which will help plan the renovation and allocation of space in the new OPC headquarters building on West 40th Street.

The appointment was announced by president John Luter, who said that the committee would also include Murray Lewis, John de Lorenzi and other members whose names will be announced later. The planning group will work closely with the Club's Executive Committee (Continued on page 5)

NOT THESE DATES ON YOUR

CALENDAR



Sun., Dec. 18 — Special Sunday Brunch: In addition to the brunch which will be served in the main dining room from 12 Noon-3:00 p.m., a "smorgorsbord" will be served in the bar from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Bar will be open from 1:00-8:00 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 20 — Regional Dinner: Traditional Norwegian Christmas Dinner. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 21 — Children's Party: Club members' children — all welcome. There will be films, a magician, souvenirs and refreshments. 3:00-5:00 p.m.. (See page 3)

Sat., Dec. 31 — New Year's Eve Gala. 9:30 p.m. to Cock's Crow. Delightful supper, music and the works for OPCers who come to the Club to ring in 1961. Reservations \$7.00 each, at OPC

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Holiday Schedule

Sat., Dec. 24 — Bar open 12:00 Noon-6:00 p.m. Buffet served as usual.

Sun., Dec. 25 — Clubhouse closed.

Mon., Dec. 26 — Club offices closed. Bar open 12:00 Noon-12 Mid-night.

Sat., Dec. 31 — Bar open at 12:00 Noon until close of New Year's Eve party.

Sun., Jan. 1 — Clubhouse closed.

Mon., Jan. 2 — Club offices closed. Bar open from 12:00 Noon-12:00 Mid-night.

Censorship in Laos - - a Mixed-up Fantasy

By JAMES WILDE

A few weeks ago hordes of newsmen rushed up to Vientiane from the still-warm crisis in South Viet Nam, and then they rushed to get out again. The reason: Laotian censorship, which resembles a combination of hide-and-seek and blind man's bluff.

Jovial Laotian premier Prince Souvanna Phouma decided that his country was facing a crisis, ergo country in crisis equals censorship. But he didn't appear to be too certain who should be the censor.

Panting packs of angry correspondents, led usually by AP's agile, nimble-tongued Roy Essoyan, spread through the town beating the bushes in all directions.

First call was the press attache for the Ministry of Information, a kindly gentleman who immediately invited everyone into his office, sat them down, politely served them tea, and just as politely explained to them that he was no longer censor: "Besides, I don't speak English or read it."

The pack would then take off again, undaunted but dismayed, in search of Quinim Pholsena, the Minister of Information. After weary hours of futile search, the pack panted back to the Constellation Hotel, dropped into canvas seats and waved weakly at the bar boys for beer. Suddenly, through a half-open eye, UPI's Arthur "Woolly Bear" Dommen

caught sight of Quinim trying to sneak unseen into his gunstore-cum-house just across the street. "Yoiks!" shouted Dommen, and the pack poured into Quinim's store, only to be turned away with the words, "He's eating. Come back after dinner."

Some hours later, Quinim, barefooted, naked to the waist, and resplendent in a colorful sarong, sat gravely listening to correspondents while they translated their copy into heavily accented French.

Russian-speaking Essoyan — Quinim speaks French — got into a dialectical argument because he called the Pathet "pro Communist."

Essoyan asked, "Is it bad to be Communist?"

"No."

"Is it bad to be pro-Communist?"

"No."

"Are the Pathet Lao anti-Communist?"

"No."

"Then will you let me use 'pro-Communist Pathet Lao'?"

"No," said Quinim finally.

After having listened trustingly to all the translations, Quinim signed the copy with his usual flourish and the pack slavered down to the Post Office.

"Where is the chop mark?" queried the postal official. The horde howled. It was 2000 hours, and only a half-hour to go before the Post Office closed until the following morning.

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THE FAR-FLUNG NEWS FRONT includes hardships at home as well as abroad, as the shivering trio (left) sitting on the Georgetown doorstep of President-elect Kennedy will testify. The Bulletin is publishing this picture largely as a consolation Christmas card for members covering African and Mideast beats. Doorstep warmers are (left to right) AP's Douglas B. Cornell, Ernest B. (Tony) Vaccaro and G. Milton Kelly. Also intended to balance off recent news of correspondents in warmer climes is photo (right) of our front door after New York's first blizzard of the season, taken in 19 degree weather, before the owner of the parked Volkswagen had time to dig it out.



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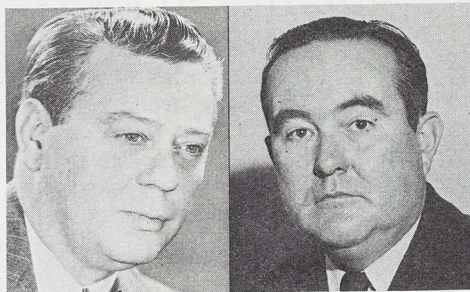


Overseas Ticker



.....Edited by CHARLES KLENSCH.....

LONDON.....from JAY AXELBANK
Drew Middleton, NYTimes, and AP's Tom Reedy contributed to the 'Cavalcade of Euro' volume. Veteran Londoner Middleton wrote the UK section; ex-Stockholm AP chief Reedy, now here, wrote the section on Scandinavia....



Reedy

Middleton

UPI staffers sayonaraed Nick Chriss, who is enroute to Frankfurt to replace John Parry as buochief. Parry returns to London....China Altman is resigning from UPI to wed Gary Hampton, BritUPI-Rome, in late Dec....

AP buo notes: Ed Shanke back from Iberian vacation jaunt...Lynn Heinzerling back from stateside recuperation from Congo duty...Asst buochief for photos Charles Lane sailing for homeleave aboard liner Unistates. AP's Rome photo ed, Mort Belshaw, also aboard....

This UPI corr played host to fellow Old Mizzou alum E.R. Deshikan, an Indian newsman enroute home after a tour with his embassy in Washington...

Very few doublebreasted fgn corr raincoats and slouch hats are dry here this season - London autumn has been wettest in many, many years.

PARIS.....from BERN REDMONT

Many Paris-based corrs flew to Algiers and fanned out to other Algerian points to cover the De Gaulle tour and its dramatic sidebars. Newsmen were unable to travel directly with De Gaulle, but some press facilities were available and newsmen were briefed enroute by Info Min Terrenoire and Jacques Coup de Frejac, info chief at the delegation-general in Algiers....

Joseph Alsop hopped down to Algeria after a few days in Paris.... James B. Boyce, TimeLifeIntl, homebound after several months in Paris...Dan Curtz, new WallStJnl Paris corr, settling in...Milton Bracker, NYTimes, hopped to Milan to cover La Callas at La Scala....

Serge Fliegers, Hearst, bedded down for a long siege by tropical virus picked up in Africa. Serge 'burgled' the Czech

Emb in Leopoldville after the Reds were expelled and discovered a secret radio transmitter. He also stopped in Lagos, Accra, Abidjan, Conakry and Dakar. On return to Paris Serge was floored by malaria and then by mysterious virus. Serge is recovering and receiving abundant get-well wishes....

Waldo Drake, LosATimes, and wife Mary Ann, back in Paris from a 2-month auto trip with Larry Rue, ChiTrib, through Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Turkey, Yugoslavia and Greece. Waldo reports the Soviet satellites - unlike the Russians - let him drive his Mercedes anywhere he liked without a guide presumably because they're encouraging tourist dollar-spending....

Robert Kleiman, USN&WR, back from 6 months in US for convention, American reportage and homeleave.... Lionel Durand, Newswk, had exclusive interview with Tunisian Press Bourguiba.... Art Watt, ANAFTimes/AmerWknd, took a swing around Switzerland.... Jonathan Randal, NYTrib, covered Mauretania independence ceremonies in Nauakchott.

TOKYO.....from GENE KRAMER

AP gen exec for Asia John Randolph has this to report in his capacity as veep in charge of property at the Tokyo Fgn Corrs club:

'The problem of putting mixing-faucets in the restroom washbasins - so you don't scald the skin off your hands - has developed into a Supreme Court Case.

'Our first thought was to eliminate the problem at the source by reducing the water temperature. But this would knock out the big dishwashing machine in the kitchen, and we assume you still want clean forks and plates. We called in a plumber - who took one look, threw up his hands and recommended all new basins, at fantastic cost. Faucet holes in the present basins are too far apart to accept any standard mixing faucet. We have returned to the attack, however, and are trying to have either, A) a special welded faucet, or, B) new holes bored in the basins.

'A complicating factor is that the plumbers don't want to work after midnight - only time we can shut down the

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Editor This Week: Charles E. Campbell, Jr.
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Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Boeldeke, their daughter, Graciela, and Harry Jiler examine shrunken head, a "memento" of the Boeldeke's visit with the primitive Jivaros.

1 HR. FROM CIVILIZATION: CANNIBALS, HEADHUNTERS

An exciting evening of travel — via color film — into the primitive jungle life of the South American Orinoco tribes was offered OPCers during the Open House last Tuesday night, Dec. 13.

The dramatic journey on film through the largest unexplored area in the Western Hemisphere was discussed by photographer-explorer Alfred Boeldeke.

Vividly pictured were the shocking tribal rites for chasing away evil and sickness, the colorful Thanksgiving Day festivities and native dances.

Mr. Boeldeke, with his wife and 15 year-old daughter, Graciela, has spent many years studying the region — sharing the lives of the head-shrinking Jivaros and cannibal tribes. Some perils of their travels included waterfalls, rapids, Piranha fish, electric eels and witch doctors, most dangerous of all to intruders.

Only a one-hour flight from civilized Caracas, the primitive Indian territory was covered by raft on the Amazon, Rio Negro and Orinoco; by foot into the jungle.

Following the film, Mr. Boeldeke answered questions from the audience, and described in even more detail the "recipe" for shrinking heads and mixing cannibal brews. His book "With Graciela to the Head Hunters," published by Barrie Books Ltd., London, gives an absorbing account of the adventure.

NEWSWEEK CHANGEOVER

Joseph Carter has been named National Affairs editor of *Newsweek*. Carter, a senior editor, replaces James M. Cannon, also a senior editor, who, has been assigned to the magazine's Washington bureau for special assignments dealing with the new administration.

Before joining *Newsweek* in 1955 as an associate editor, Carter served as reporter and rewriter with the *NY Daily Mirror*, *NY Herald Trib* and the *Boston Evening American*.

Treats for the Children at Xmas Party Dec. 21st

The OPC will play Santa Claus to more than 100 offspring of members at the annual Children's Christmas Party in the Club dining room on Wed., Dec. 21.

Santa himself, working overtime to make a Dec. 24 deadline, will not be present, but a professional magician will keep the youngsters happy with a 30-minute performance of winning, wonderful wizardry.

Highlights will be the kids' drawing for a set of Lionel electric trains, proceeds of which will go to the United Nations Children's Fund, and a showing of movie cartoons provided by Screen Gems.

Door prizes will include toys donated by the Ideal Toy Corporation, as well as miniature moving vans from the Cirker Moving & Storage Company. Copies of *Children's Digest* and *Humpty-Dumpty* will be presented to all guests, and candy will be donated by Schrafft's.

Refreshments? Naturally. The properly sweet menu will include ice cream, cookies and soft drinks.

Anita Diamant Berke, Hospitality Committee chairman, has arranged the party with the assistance of committee members Jean Baer, Lillian Genn and Robert S. Kane.

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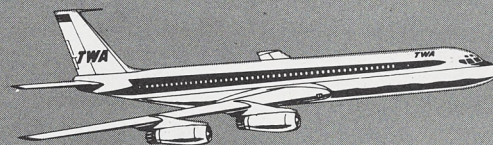
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How to become a Zloty Millionaire

BY HARRISON FORMAN

"And do you write books, too?"

I said yes, I'd written a few. Mostly on the Far East.

"So," she said. "Perhaps we may have some of them here in our library. I will check the index files."

The Raczyński Library is the largest in Poznan. Formerly a town palace for one of the proudest families in pre-war Poland, it had recently been renovated and stocked with books in all languages collected from publishers all over the world.

It was quite possible they might have one or more of mine in a section on Asia.

They did. The librarian came back from the far end of the room clutching a volume in both hands.

"See, we do have one of your books," she beamed. "Now you must autograph it in honor of your visit."

It was one of my books, all right. But it was in Polish -- a pirated translation. I made a note of the publisher's name on the flyleaf, and bright and early on the morning of my return to Warsaw I taxied out to an address in the suburbs.

It was a new building with a huge lobby filled with book displays. The receptionist regarded me with frank suspicion when I asked in German wheth-

er anyone in the place spoke English. I gathered she didn't like Germans, for she smiled sweetly when I said I was an American author and wanted to talk to the managing editor.

In a few moments a shapely but quite businesslike blonde came out and said, "I speak English. What can we do for you?" She spoke with a precise accent. But after a few moments I discovered that sentence was just about all the English she did know. I tried her in German and French. She knew little of both, but she was disturbingly nice to look at, and...

Well, anyway, I finally wound up in Madame Halina Gorska's office. Mme. Gorska wasn't pretty, but she did speak excellent English. She was, moreover, one of the top editors in the house.

"Royalties? Why, of course. If we have not already paid you, we must surely do so at once. Things are different now, you know."

Hmmm-m-m. This was too good to be true. Yes, things were different now. But face it, Buster, that book was published in 1950, a bare handful of years after a devastating war. Packing crates and cardboard cartons were probably the best they had for filing cabinets. And...

Mme. Gorska came back into the

and marking pressmen's copy. "This is entirely untrue," he would remark reprovingly at one of the pressmen seated before him like schoolboys.

"Where did you get this about Soviet gasoline going to Sam Neua?" he asked one blushing correspondent. "You know there are only about 2 cars in all of Sam Neua province. We don't need any Soviet petrol there."

Australian Broadcasting Company's Don Simmons had some rough sailing when Souvanna Phouma came across the following line in his cable: "PRIME MINISTER OF LAOS DASH SOUVANNA PHOUMA..."

Puzzled, the premier looked up the word "dash" in the dictionary he keeps on his desk, found it to be a mild expletive, and gave Simmons hell until his colleagues chimed in with explanations.

On Sunday, the final day of the Vietnamese tennis championships, correspondents had to catch the good-humored premier between sets as he watched from a grandstand behind his residence.

"Find Souvanna," was the catchword of the day, and the amiable premier discovered that the only place where he was safe from Western newsmen was Communist-held Sam Neua.

The finale came when he announced that the Soviet aid would be arriving within 3 or 4 days' time. He did this a

room smiling happily. "We are fortunate," she said. "Here is the record of sales for your book. Let me see, the list price was 6.40 Zlotys. We sold 10,000 copies. Your royalties at 5% will come to..."

Yippee! I was about to become a Zloty-millionaire.

"So, then," she said. "We owe you 3,200 Zlotys. It will take a few weeks to process, but you will surely get it before you leave Poland."

"But I'm leaving on Friday," I said. "Oh, don't worry about it. We shall have it when you come back."

"But I'm not coming back. At least so far as I know, not for some time to come."

She was sympathetic, but there was nothing else she could do. Bureaucratic channels. Accounts had to be checked. Payments approved. Papers signed.

But "things are different now" I reminded her. And surely the Polish people today could, in a special instance, work just as fast cutting red tape as Americans or others in the West.

She grinned. She would see what could be done.

She did it. An envelope with a wad of Zlotys and a receipt to sign arrived here at my hotel about a half an hour ago.

I must end this quickly. Gotta rush out and spend those Zlotys. They're virtually worthless outside of the country, and my plane for Prague leaves in 2 hours, and...

LAOS (Continued from page 1)

"But it's signed by the Minister of Information," said Reuter's Bruce Russell.

"No chop mark, no send," was the final reply.

They pounded back to see Quinim and he told them the official chop was in his office. They went over to the office, woke up the night watchman, got the chop, took it to Quinim who stamped the copy and they arrived at the Post Office 5 minutes after it closed.

Next day, stories were written early in the morning and taken over to the Ministry of Information, leaving plenty of time for accidents. This was fine because the Minister of Information was no longer the censor.

More scurrying about revealed that the private secretary to the prime minister was now censor. This worked fine for a couple of days until the censor was sick in bed, his chop in his office, and the prime minister -- the final court of appeal -- was touring the Northern province of Sam Neua.

By this time, correspondents were so dismayed they tore up their copy and ate it.

When Souvanna Phouma returned early in the week, he decided to be censor himself. After morning press conferences, he would sit puffing his pipe

half-hour before he was to host a large reception in honor of visiting delegates to the session of the Mekong River Investigation Coordinating Committee. He told correspondents if they wanted their copy censored "to come to the reception" -- and they did this.

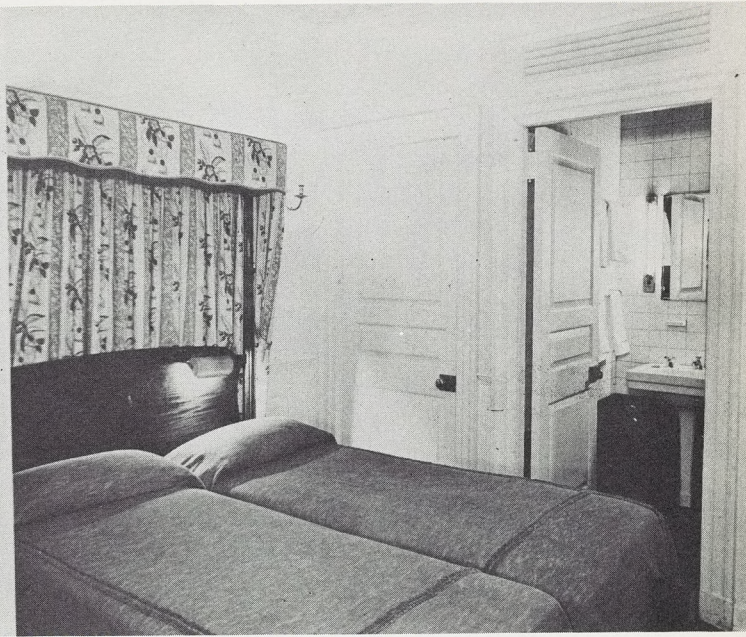
A dishevelled, sweaty, grimy trio consisting of NBC's Jim Robinson, N.Y. Herald Trib's Bud Briggs and London Daily Telegraph's Frank Robertson crashed the reception line front of 3 ambassadors, 2 ministers and a visiting general.

Delighted to see them, Souvanna Phouma hailed them from the far corner of the room, shook them warmly by the hand, signed their copy with a flourish, announcing to the assembled guests, "I am the censor, you know."

AP's Roy Essoyan sneaked in between 2 large Lao dowagers and, wedged thus, slender Roy was nearly swept by the premier unseen. UPI's Arthur Dommen lined up with 3 Australian well-diggers and while Souvanna Phouma read through his copy, 2 young Laotian lassies waited next in line, kneeling on the floor with their hands raised to their foreheads in the customary greeting before a Prince of Blood.

By week's end, correspondents clamored gratefully aboard planes for Hong Kong, Tokyo and Bangkok, saying with

MORE PICTURES OF THE NEW CLUBHOUSE



TWO MORE PICTURES of our new quarters, the National Republican Club building located at 54-56 West 40th Street. Above left is the comfortable lounge on the tenth floor of the building which we shall inherit, furnishings and all, next April. On the right is a photograph of one of the 54 bedrooms, some of which will be retained for use by visiting members in from the boondocks. The rooms are expected to help with the housing problem faced by foreign correspondents on visits to the home office.

(Photos, Tommy Weber)

"EXCLUSIVE!" SCHEDULE

Tues., Dec. 20 — (WCBS-TV, Channel 2, 7:30-8:00 p.m.) American foreign correspondent *Hal Lehrman* and Col. Andy Morgan, leader of an UNRRA mission, prove to residents of a Greek village that freedom is a most precious gift in "Santa Claus in a Jeep," next "Exclusive!" episode in the OPC series.

COMMITTEE (Continued from page 1)

and Board of Governors, Luter said.

The president reported that more than 20 inquiries for space in the projected World Press Center have already been received. He also expressed thanks for the suggestions made by a number of Club members regarding facilities that should be included in the new building.

grudging admiration that censorship in "the Land of the Million Elephants" was the most confused, mixed-up fantasy anywhere. "You need a 3-headed elephant to get your copy out of Laos," said Essoyan. (That's the royal emblem of Laos which appears on the royal chop-seal — used by censor Souvanna Phouma.) "But it's still a lot better than Moscow (?)"

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James Wilde covers Indochina for Time-Life and The New York Times.

LAURENCE CHAIRMAN OF WORLD'S FAIR COMMITTEE

William L. Laurence, *NY Times* science editor, served as chairman of a committee of prominent scientists for the New York World's Fair 1964-65 Corp. An interim report prepared for the committee by Mr. Laurence was submitted Dec. 5 to the President and Congress of the U.S. The report outlines a comprehensive plan for a permanent Nat'l Center of Science & Education to serve as the official U.S. exhibit at the Fair.

Newsletter for News Sources

"Party Line", a weekly newsletter directed to publicity men, is seeking information on projects of media and of free-lance writers who want material on specific subjects of immediate interest. It is edited by Betty Yarmon, wife of *Morton Yarmon*, associate managing editor of *Parade*. Editorial office is at 165 East 66 Street.

DINNER WINNERS

Last week's winner of the Friday night dinner-on-the-house was *Frank Hinds*.

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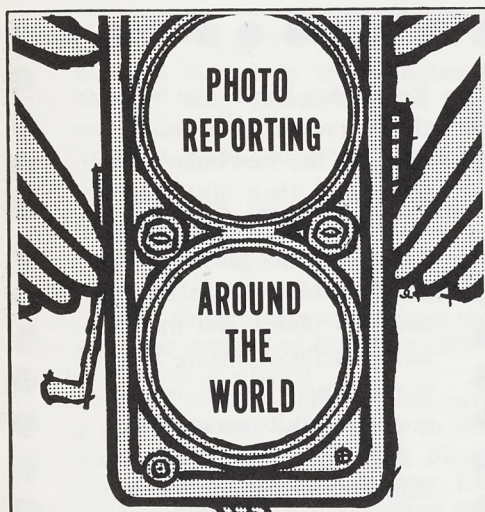
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TICKER (Continued from page 2)

Ladies Room. Our tentative plan is to divert Gentlemen Members to the staff convenience in the basement and give the Ladies temporary rights on the ground floor. So if you see any big signs, please heed them.

'It was suggested at the board meeting that since all our ladies have not only read "The Chrysanthemum and the Sword" but have visited 3rd-class country railroad stations, they would not object to a short spell of coeducation and coexistence — with either the plumbers or the male members.

The board conceded the progressive views of the Ladies, but in the interests of the plumbers (and/or the male members) decided to continue present separate-but-equal facilities and not desegregate just yet.'

WASHINGTON. from JESSIE STEARNS

Rep John Moss (D-Cal) received the 1st SDX Freedom award. As chairman of the House subcommittee on Govt Info, Moss was cited for 'his magnificent fight from 1955-60 in behalf of the American people's right to know about the govt.' ... Nedville E. Nordness has been appointed to the new post of deputy assistant Secretary State for Mutual Security info. ... Dixon Donnelley, special assistant to Undersecretary State Dillon, accompanied Dillon and Treasury Secretary Anderson, on their recent Euro trip. ...

Robert L. Riggs, Louisville Courier-Journal has been elected Gridiron Club president for 1961. Other new officers of the Washington corps group: vicepresident, Julius Frandsen, UPI news editor; treasurer, Richard L. Wilson, Cowles; secretary, Lyle C. Wilson, UPI bureau manager; historian, J.R. Wiggins, executive editor WashPost; executive committee — Jack Steele, ScrippsHow; Gerald E. Griffin, Baltimore Sun, and W.L. Beale Jr, AP. ...

On Jan 3, the day that Congress convenes, the Women's National Press Club will hold its annual Congressional dinner. Sen Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz) will give advice to liberals; Sen Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn) to conservatives. WNPC has also set a reception on Jan 21 from 5 to 7, for the new cabinet. ...

Pierre Salinger, who takes over from Jim Hagerty on Jan 20, drew a capacity crowd when he spoke at a WNPC luncheon Dec 6. He listed several changes under consideration for Kennedy White House press conferences:

- 1 — Elimination of reporter's identification when asking a question; Ike wants name and affiliation.
- 2 — Some pm press conferences for the mornings.
- 3 — Some live TV meetings between 6 and 7 pm. Salinger hopes to have a decision on these changes before the Inaugural.

Columbia - Catherwood
Award Winners Announced

John Bertram Oakes, *NYTimes*, editorial writer, and Nicholas Chatelain, U.S. correspondent for the Paris daily newspaper *Le Figaro*, have been announced as the first winners of the Columbia-Catherwood Awards for "responsible and enlightened international journalism." The announcement was made by Edward W. Barrett, dean of the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, which has been designated to administer the awards by the Catherwood Foundation of Bryn Mawr, Pa.

The 2 winners will be honored at a dinner to be held at Columbia University on Jan. 10, and will later speak in other cities in the U.S. and France on the subject of Franco-American relations.

OPC president John Luter represented the Overseas Press Club on the advisory panel that cooperated with the Columbia Journalism School in selecting nominees for the awards. The other panel members were Ben Bassett, AP foreign news editor; S.M. Bessie, vice president of Atheneum Publishers; John Charles Daly, former vice president for news, ABC; Emanuel Freedman, *NY Times* foreign editor; Professor John Hohenberg of the Graduate School of Journalism, Columbia University; C.D. Jackson, publisher of *Life*; and Roger Tatarian, managing editor, UPI.

DUESSELDORF ACTORS, OPC GUESTS

On Tues., Dec. 13, a private luncheon was held at the Club for Mr. and Mrs. Kay Lorentz, director and leading lady of Duesseldorf's Kom(m)edchen Theatrical Company.

During the meeting, plans were made for a March OPC reception when the actors bring their talents to New York.

Also present at the luncheon were Jules Courtelle, N.Y. PR representative for the city of Duesseldorf and Dr. Eckart Hachfeld, author of the famous skits. Ansel Talbert, OPC vice president, and Louis Gnaedinger played hosts.

New Photo Exhibit at Club

A new stairwell exhibit of photographs devoted to children in European and Mideast refugee camps will open at the OPC on Dec. 19.

A project of World Refugee Year, the pictures were taken by film star Yul Brynner and Inge Morath and are included in Mr. Brynner's new book "Bring Forth the Children." They were compiled during the author's recent travels through these areas as a special consultant to the UN High Commissioner for refugees.

PEOPLE & PLACES

Tom Stone, AP corr. for Chile, Bolivia, Peru & Ecuador, visited La Paz on newshunt late Nov. He changes hq from Santiago de Chile to Lima, Peru, early Dec. . . . **Bruce Henderson**, Time staffer headquartered in Panama, transfers soon to NY office to specialize in Latin American affairs.

TRAVELING: **William A. Birnie** is just back from 3 years in Bonn as press chief, USIS. Now senior ed., Reader's Digest. . . **Karl Detzer**, Reader's Digest roving editor, returns to NY via the Panama Canal after month's work on West Coast. . . **Eric & Bette Friedheim** are on round-the-world tour via Honolulu, Tokyo, Taipei, Hong Kong, Bangkok — doing stories for their mags, Travel Agent & Interline Reporter. . . **Gershon Swet** of Aufbau, Novoye Russkoye Slovo, Hebrew & Yiddish papers, leaves today for trip to London, Madrid, Nice, Israel, Amsterdam & Paris — to return end of Jan. . . **Matt Kenny**, UPI buochief in Havana, heading back to native NYC for Yuletide holidays.

PUBLICATIONS: The unveiling of Helen Auble's new Caribbean Vacationlands 1st anniversary edition, scheduled for Dec. 13, has been postponed a month because of a million dollar fire which took place 2 weeks ago at the Rich Lithographing Co., destroying the plant & ready-to-go copies. Friends at McGraw-Hill are coming to the rescue. **Arthur Steiner**, head of Quick mag's NY-buo, is enjoying success with his new book "English as it's not in the Dictionary," published in Frankfurt. . .

New college egghead mag, Collage, carries **Carol Weld**'s piece on U of Miami in upcoming Feb issue. . . Oct. Clubwoman, mag of GFWC, carried story of "Taipei's model home" (of local products) — with pix of top gov't officials' wives — by **Geraldine Fitch**. . . New book just published: "Money, Money, Money: Wall St. in Words & Pictures," by **Ralph G. Martin & Morton D. Stone**. . . **Robert S. Kane** is completing "Africa A to Z" (illustrated with his photographs) for spring publication. . . **Ben Lucien Burman** will have new book "The Owl Hoots Twice At Catfish Bend" published in April. . . **Richard Taplinger**, pres. Taplinger Publishing Co., will have new book "Wild Animal Man" published in March.

NEW POSITIONS: **Dan Kurzman** foreign corr., recently joined Washington staff of World-Tele and other Scripps-Howard newspapers. . . **Roger A. Valdes**, staffer for Havana Post and Times (of London) corr. in Cuba for past 6 years, has joined PR staff of Westinghouse Electric Internat'l Co., in NY. . . **Frank Elkins** is now sales & promotion dir. for Robson of England Travel Ltd. Looks

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AWARDS: **Charles Morrow Wilson** received the U of Florida's School of Inter-American Studies Citation for "outstanding contributions to Inter-American relations" . . . Adventurer's Club of NY honored **Harry A. Bruno** for his 50 years in aviation with the gold Amelia Earhart medal from the Ninety-Nines, an organization of women pilots.

RECENT LECTURES: **Eugene Miller** dir. public affairs & communications, McGraw-Hill Publishing Co., addressed APRA NY Chapter & the NY Publicity Club. . . **Clifford Evans** discussed Latin America before Current Events Club, Havertown, Pa., & the L.I. Parent's Assn. . . **Wade Arnold** addressed annual convention of American Heart Assn. in St. Louis. . . **Barrett McGurn** gave 45-min. talk in Italian to Social Modernization group in Milan. . . **Frank Gibney**, author of "The Operators," spoke on "Moral Cracks in American Society" at NYU's Religious Center.

Clayton Willis is back at the Albuquerque Tribune and feeling fine after chest surgery. . . **Louise C. Mann**, assoc. ed. American Paint Journal, retired Nov. 1 because of ill health — will continue to write free lance feature articles while spending winter in Nassau & Fla.

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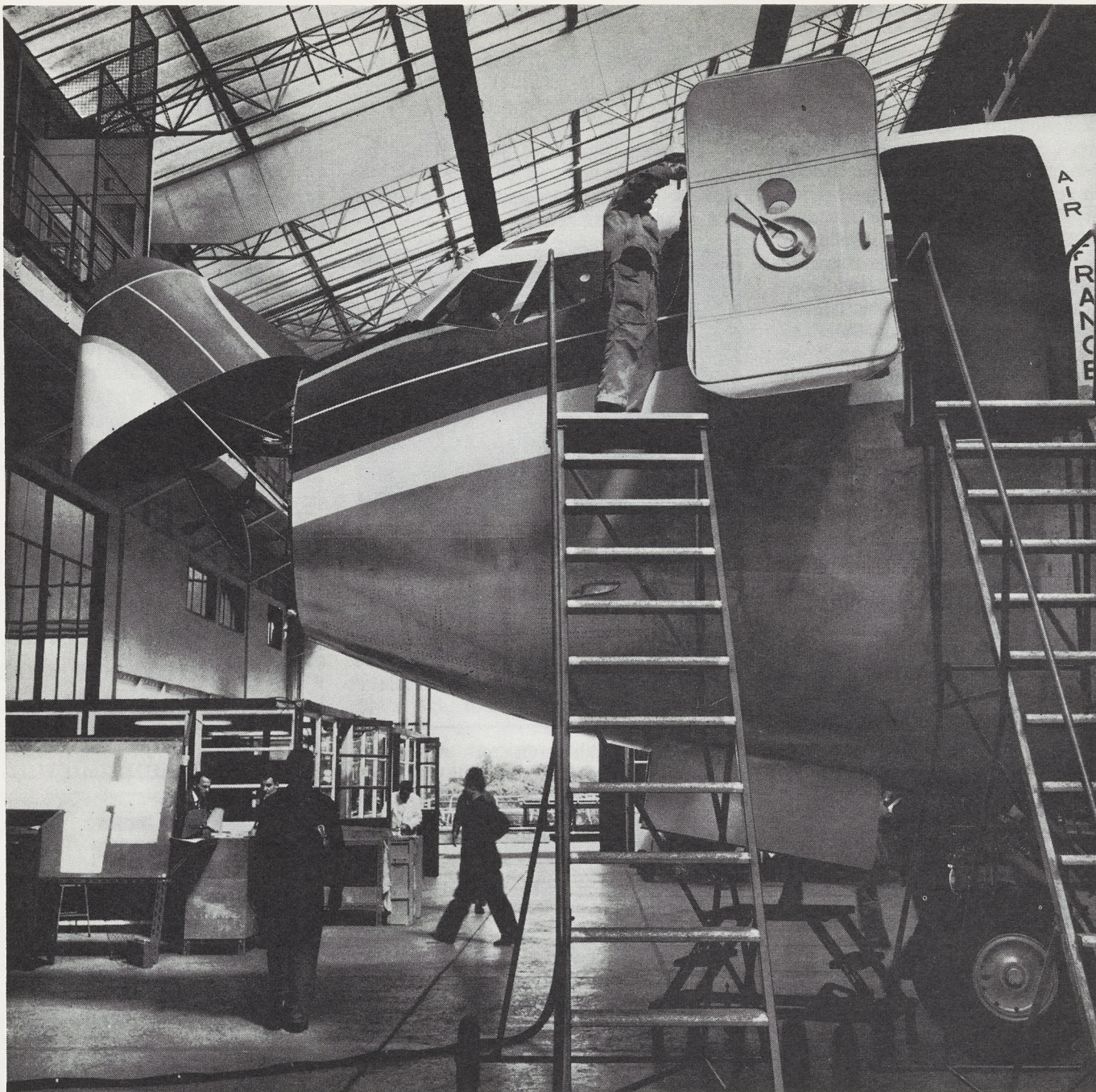
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